

Sarwar Jamal arrested, residence searched

SUV seized with foreign liquor



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The joint forces arrest former BNP lawmaker Sarwar Jamal Nizam in Chittagong yesterday.

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Members of the joint forces and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested in the port city yesterday, Sarwar Jamal Nizam, a former BNP lawmaker from Chittagong 12 constituency.

The crack forces arrested the former lawmaker acting on a tip off as he was coming out of Chittagong Club around 12:45am.

Sarwar Jamal is a brother of Maruf Nizam, the alleged mastermind of the abduction and murder of Chittagong business tycoon Jamal Uddin.

Sarwar Jamal also have allegations against him of smuggling, interfering with government's tendering process and with the

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Hawkers go berserk as pickup kills 2 colleagues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of hawkers staged fierce demonstrations at the city's Gulistan throughout the day yesterday after two of their fellows were run over and killed by a speeding pick-up in the early hours.

They brought out processions at intervals and vandalised vehicles, forcing the law enforcers to keep the four roads leading to the other-wise bustling area sealed off for 15 hours till 7:00pm. As traffics were diverted to other roads, the city saw a severe gridlock even on the weekend.

The demonstrators claimed that four were killed and one injured in the overnight accident and bodies of the other two

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The roads adjoining the Gulistan square remain empty yesterday as hawkers abstain from sitting in the 'holiday market' protesting the death of two colleagues by a speeding pickup.

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AL reformists for curbing party chief's 'absolute' power

25-pt proposal finalised

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Reformist leaders of Awami League (AL) finalised their 25-point reform proposal including a few provisions for curbing the party president Sheikh Hasina's absolute power in the party.

According to the claims of the reformist leaders, curbing of the

party president's absolute power was included in the proposal to establish intra-party democracy and to avert 'mistakes' like the much criticised deal struck between communal Bangladesh Khelafath Majlish and AL, and the hoax of April 30 deadline for unseating the immediate past

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BNP reformists may take tough line if Khaleda says 'no'

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Pro-reform leaders of the BNP will take a hard line if Chairperson Khaleda Zia refuses to accept the proposals they claim are aimed to ensure intra-party democracy.

They said they are determined to purge the organisation of corrupt leaders and criminals.

The leaders have identified the absolute power of the chairperson as the main obstacle to practising

democracy within the party and so emphasised the importance of a collective leadership in their reform proposals that are likely to be made public within a couple of days.

Meanwhile, Khaleda Zia and the leaders loyal to her too seem resolved not to bring any changes bypassing the council. Also a former prime minister, Khaleda has already said she would bring

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Extortionists gun down trader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals yesterday shot dead a 'jhoot' (garment by-products) trader inside a club at Baishtek of Kafrul in the capital apparently for refusing to pay a huge amount of money to a local criminal gang.

The deceased, Mannan Dewan, 45, was the acting general secretary of Mirpur Eleven Star Club.

At around 1:00pm, Mannan was watching the television sitting on a chair in a room of the club when two youths appeared and wanted to know whether Mannan was

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Uniform rules for all public universities on the cards

SURANJITH DEABNATH

The government plans to introduce uniform recruitment and promotion rules for teachers, officials and employees of all public universities to check political appointments and ensure quality education.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has prepared and submitted the draft rules to the education ministry.

A high-level meeting at the ministry attended by UGC representatives and vice chancellors of public universities recently dis-

cussed the proposed rules, ministry sources said.

Copies of the draft rules have also been sent to all public universities asking them to send their views and suggestions to the education ministry and the UGC by July 31.

UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam said uniform recruitment and promotion rules have been prepared to maintain a certain standard of education at the public universities.

"We placed the draft uniform rules at a meeting at the education ministry where vice chancellors of

almost all the public universities including Dhaka University, Rajshahi University and Chittagong University were present. At the meeting, we decided to send copies of the rules to all public universities. Syndicates of the universities will discuss the rules and they have to give their views and suggestions by the end of next month," he told The Daily Star.

The education ministry will arrange another meeting where

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